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Personnel

1. The Neptun Werft, a Soviet AG, currently (December 1947) employs approximately 9,000 laborers and other workers. A special enterprise (Sonderbetrieb) which is part of the shipyards employs 2,000 to 3,000 men on day and night shifts, but it is not known whether the latter figure is included in the 9,000 total. The yards are working on the "Baltic Fleet Program": constructing standard type, 1,200 ton, coastal steamers.

2. In February 1947, the shipyard crew numbered 3,100, of whom 200 were women and 124 were apprentices. Beginning in March, the then director Captain 2nd Class Pfeiffer, asked for 2,000 additional workers. During the summer of 1947, 800 to 900 additional workers were hired, raising the total to nearly 4,000. In October 1947, 2,000 new hands brought this full figure to approximately 6,000. Present crew strength is 9,000 to 10,000 laborers and others.

General Operations

3. Rostock harbor handles approximately 20% of the total turnover of 25X1
Russian Zone ports. Cargoes go chiefly to Baltic Sea nations [redacted]

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- 25X1 5. [redacted] Rostock-Warnemünde presently has the following at its disposal:
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| 1 Tower revolving crane | 2 Loading bridges |
| 1 Railway steam crane | 3 Portal-revolving cranes |
| 1 Portal-whipping crane | |

One additional portal-whipping crane and two electro-magnetic cranes from Stettin will be set up shortly.

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6. Several rail connections are now under construction; it is anticipated that by April 1948 it will be possible to unload from freight cars directly to vessels at all docks. There are also plans to begin construction of a canal in the spring of 1948; this will connect Rostock harbor with the central German waterways.

Rail Traffic

- 25X1 7. The following list of rail deliveries to Rostock harbor [redacted]

No. of Trains No. of Cars

9	545	- Each car with 5,000 sacks of cement. <u>Origin:</u> Gera, Nienburg, Göschwitz.
3	88	- Assorted loads, including 2,760 sewing machines from Gera; 3 cars from Luckenwalde with 33,000 pairs of leather shoes from the state-owned "Luwal" plant; also textiles, textile machines, porcelain, rubber goods, and measuring instruments.
1	74	- Each car with 350 crates of paraffin. <u>Origin:</u> Weissandt [redacted]
5	171	- Paint, precision tools, plate glass, office equipment, prosthetics, chemicals. <u>Origin:</u> Dresden.
7	154	- BMW automobiles. <u>Origin:</u> Erfurt.
1	47	- Rubber goods, disinfecting equipment. <u>Origin:</u> Erfurt.
2	90	- Paint, household articles, wooden barrels, sheet iron goods. <u>Origin:</u> Leipzig.
19	919	- with 154,000 sacks (double Zentners) of sugar. <u>Origin:</u> Genthin, Magdeburg, Oschersleben, Elliringsleben, Gunsleben, Buckau, Aderstedt, Halle, Marienborn.

8. The shippers of the above cargoes, in almost all cases, were Deruttra services in Leipzig, Dresden, Erfurt, Gera, Berlin, Cottbus, and Riesa.

Harbor Traffic, Exports and Imports

9. [redacted]

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Ships arrived : 324, with a total tonnage (NRGT) of 152,737.
 Ships departed: 314, with a total NRGT of 145,320.
 Soviet exports: 97,702 tons. (Exported for, not to, the USSR).
 German exports: 131 tons.
 Soviet imports: 400 pieces (not expressed in tons).
 German imports: None.
 Total turnover: 98,233 tons.

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Soviet exports [] consisted of:

15,682 tons briquettes
 56,274 " briquettes
 23,314 " reparations goods
 1,257 " paraffin
 195 " hides
 980 " other
 97,702 " TOTAL

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Ships arrived : 434, of 164,933 NRGT.
 Ships departed: 441, of 176,555 NRGT.
 Soviet exports: 127,617 tons.
 Soviet imports: 398 tons.
 German exports: 60 tons.
 German imports: 6 tons.
 Total turnover: 128,081 tons.

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Soviet exports [] consisted of:

92,261 tons briquettes
 33,705 " reparations goods
 1,000 " paraffin
 624 " Wall plates
 27 " Wool yarn
 127,617 " TOTAL

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Soviet imports [] consisted of 398 tons of wool and camel hair.

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Ships arrived : 481, of 162,637 NRGT.
 Ships departed: 487, of 161,375 NRGT.
 Soviet exports: 115,088 tons.
 Soviet imports: 1,148 tons.
 German exports: 7 pieces
 German imports: 6 pieces
 Total turnover: 116,249 tons

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Soviet exports [] consisted of:

97,978 tons briquettes
 15,834 " reparations goods
 674 " paraffin
 422 " Wall plates
 150 " wool
 30 " textiles
 115,088 " TOTAL

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Soviet imports [] consisted of:

898 tons hides and Russian metals
 250 " wool
 1,148 " TOTAL

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Ships arrived: 369, of 127,752 tons total load capacity.
 Origin: [redacted] Russia,
 [redacted] and Russian Zones of Germany.

Ships departed: 379, of 129,443 tons total loading capacity.
 Three of these were empty. Destinations: [redacted]
 [redacted] USSR (11), [redacted]
 [redacted] Poland (1).

Soviet exports: 94,454.5 tons
 Soviet imports: 2,741 tons
 German exports: 80 tons
 German imports: 87.3 tons
 Total turnover: 97,362.8 tons

Soviet exports [redacted] consisted of:

31,747 tons briquettes (destination unknown)
 46,318 " briquettes [redacted]
 92 " wool [redacted]
 633.5 " wall plates (destination unknown)
 134 " Paraffin (destination unknown)
 210 " paraffin to Finland
 15,320 " reparations goods to USSR
 94,454.5 " TOTAL

Soviet imports [redacted] consisted of:

941 tons wool [redacted]
 1,800 " lead from USSR
 2,741 " TOTAL

10. [redacted] the normal monthly turnover at Rostock, on a 24-hour basis including Sundays, and with full utilization of all functioning harbor installations, would total 116,100 tons. The actual Soviet utilization rate [redacted] (the proportion of Soviet import and export to the normal turnover) was 97,195.5 tons (83.7%). The corresponding German utilization rate was 172.3 (0.1%). The total effective utilization rate (the proportion of Soviet-German exports and imports to the normal utilization rate) was 97,367.8 tons (83.8%). The low utilization rate is explained by the low number of ship arrivals. The crew acting [redacted] consisted of 119 employees and 16 workers of the harbor plus approximately 1,100 workers of Derutra-Rostock.

Ships arrived : 541. of 200,418 tons: 538 were empty. Origin: [redacted] Russia,
 [redacted] and Russian Zones of Germany.

Ships departed: 510, of 189,741 total load capacity: 2 were empty. Destinations: [redacted] Russian
 [redacted] USSR (19)
 [redacted] Zone (3)

Soviet exports: 138,361 tons
 Soviet imports: none
 German exports: 1,712.06 tons
 German imports: 95 tons (exclusive of baggage)
 Total turnover: 140,168.06 tons

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Soviet exports [] consisted of:

23,792 tons	briquettes	[]	25X1
1,930 "	briquettes	to USSR	25X1
86,895 "	briquettes	[]	25X1
120 "	paraffin	[]	
25,624 "	reparations goods	to USSR	
138,361	TOTAL		

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German exports in October consisted of 1,691.5 tons of rye to []

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11. [] the normal monthly total utilization rate continued to be 116,100 tons. The actual Soviet utilization rate amounted to 138,361 tons (119.2%). The actual German utilization rate amounted to 1,817.06 tons (1.6%) and the total Soviet-German rate to 140,178 tons (120.8%). During October the crew consisted of 123 employees and 16 workers of the harbor plus approximately 1,500 workers of Derutra-Rostock.

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[] total turnovers were approximately: 116,000 tons []
140,000 tons [], with a rise to nearly 200,000 tons in []

The latter figure []

[] would mean that the utilization rate (as estimated []

[] rose to about 172%.

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